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Local girl scout cookies will be on sale until Feb. 10 and will be delivered March 8-22. Booth sales begin March 8. For more information, contact Gina Garvin 816-358-8750 ext. 3046.

Community meeting scheduled

Tonight the University is hosting a community meeting for the proposed Alumni Center at 7:30 p.m. at the Alumni House.

Spurlock postponed

Tonight's presentation by 'Super Size Me' director Morgan Spurlock has been postponed until further notice. Spurlock was scheduled to speak on minimum-wage living.

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PERSONALITY PROFILE

PLAYING BY EAR



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ON THE WEEKENDS Maryville resident Dave Reeves plays in his band the Rhythm Kings. Reeves, who is legally blind, needs his band mates from Iowa to pick him up for their performances. In his spare time, Reeves also teaches others how to play. (bottom left) SEVERAL PICTURES OF Dave Reeves' hero Les Paul are displayed in his home. At the age of 92, Paul suffers from arthritis, yet still plays guitar. Reeves relates to Paul's handicap, as Reeves continues to play despite his poor vision. (bottom right) THIS WALL IS Dave Reeves' "wall of blondes." He said that everyone has their own preference about things. Like hair color, Reeves prefers "blondes" when it comes to his guitars.

Local guitarist grooves to a different tune

By Kenny Larabee
Chief Reporter

With a whimsical humor and a style all his own, local musician Dave Reeves has been teaching the citizens of northwest Missouri how to play the guitar for over 30 years. A feat made all the more astonishing when considering some of the adversity the Maryville native has had

to overcome. For starters, Reeves is legally blind.

With just limited vision in his right eye, Reeves wasn't going to be deterred.

"When I first started losing my sight and thought 'Man, I hate to give this up,' because this is kind of my blood here," Reeves said. "I'd come up here at night and shut the lights off and just play in the dark and learn to get around a little bit better on the fret board that way."

It hadn't always been that way. Eleven years ago, before he started losing his sight, Reeves found musical influences all around him. As a child, one of his role models was his father.

"My father used to play at the edge of the bed ... that's how he put all of us kids to sleep," Reeves said. "We might still be a little bit rowdy from the day and he'd come and play guitar at the edge of the bed and that'd

kind of calm us down.

"I always thought that was pretty cool."

Reeves also found influences in the same things many kids from the 1960s did.

"Of course when the Beatles hit Ed Sullivan in '64, me, like a bunch of other pimply-faced kids (said) 'we got to

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NORTHWEST GROWTH

University gets approval to hire faculty for Fall '08

By Evan Young
Managing Editor

(This is the first of a two-part series focusing on what the University is doing to address an expected enrollment increase over the next several years and its impact on faculty and students.)

Some relief is on the way for faculty around campus currently taking on extra workloads.

Northwest received the go-ahead Friday from the Board of Regents to hire four instructors next fall as part of a plan to address an anticipated enrollment increase over the next several years.

The University will hire English, music, accounting and management personnel to provide aid to faculty in those departments teaching overloads, or more than four classes apiece.

The new positions are the first step toward fulfilling the Rational Expectations Enrollment Plan (REEP), which the Regents passed unanimously during their December meeting.

Based on averages from the past five years, the REEP predicts overall enrollment at Northwest will increase by approximately 20 percent over the next five years.

Total enrollment, undergraduate and graduate, is now at about 6,500 students, with 250 faculty members serving them, according to University Relations. The institution saw its second-largest class of first-year freshmen in history last fall, with 1,446 students, according to the Fall 2007 trimester census.

Under the REEP, Northwest would gain nearly 7,700 students over the next five years, about 6,150 of who would be full-time equivalent, or students taking at least 12 credit hours.

To answer the impact the increase will have on both faculty and students, the REEP suggests the University hire up to 30 faculty members over the same time period.

The REEP estimates it would cost the University between \$1.5 million and \$6 million in total to hire all needed faculty, though the recommended amount would be around \$4.5 million, according to the REEP text.

The English, music, accounting and management departments needed additional faculty immediately, Provost Kichoon Yang said. All of them faced significant increases in freshmen last fall, had to create more sections of general education courses and dealt with the influx through overload and adjunct, or temporary, instruction, he said.

All-around, the primary need for new faculty is in the College of Arts and Sciences, the home of about 90 percent of freshman general education courses, Yang said. Positions for some academic disciplines may prove harder to fill than others, but Yang wasn't overly concerned with the process.

Northwest's English Department had to create nine additional sections of freshman English because of the near-record numbers last fall. And while his faculty "managed to do alright" with handling the overload, Department Chair Michael Hobbs is glad to have an opportunity to get the extra help.

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NATIONAL GUARD

Maryville troops prepare for training, Kosovo deployment

By Kenny Larabee
Chief Reporter

The Missouri National Guard will deploy roughly 1,000 troops to Kosovo, including approximately 100 troops from Maryville and surrounding areas.

The 1st and 129th Artillery, headquartered in Maryville, will send off two groups for training, the first on Feb. 6, before eventually arriving in Kosovo according to Sgt. Major John Sportsman.

"The leaders are mobile, we'll be going to Camp Crowder the first part of February," Sportsman said. "The main body will leave in March."

Both groups will initially start out at Camp Crowder in Missouri before meeting up at Camp Atterbury in Indiana. From there, approximately 1,000 soldiers will move on to Hohenfels, Germany, Sportsman said.

Those soldiers will be known as KFOR-10, which stands for Kosovo Force. Members of the Guard from Maryville will comprise Task Force Thunder, Sportsman said.

The training is essential, because the task force will be in unfamiliar territory with unfamiliar equipment.

"We're an artillery unit and we're going as an infantry unit, so yeah it's a little different," Sgt. John Miers said. "We'll be learning some new stuff. We'll have some different equipment that we're not used to having. That we get to play with and use."

A presentation was given last Thursday detailing the mission and the need to deploy to Kosovo, a province of Serbia.

According to the slide show, Serbs and Albanians (the largest ethnic group in Kosovo) have been embroiled in violent battles and tensions since the Middle Ages. In 1999, the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) bombed Serbia and the United Nations (UN) Security Council approved Resolution 1224. This resolution gave the UN responsibility to help restore order and establish a government in Kosovo. The task force being deployed will conduct patrols to

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NORTHWEST FOUNDATION

'Village' idea wins Regents' support

By Lindsay Jacobs
University News Editor

(This is the first of a two-part series on the proposed "Village at Northwest" concept.)

Rural colleges around the country are urbanizing by developing residential and commercial areas near their campuses.

The Northwest Foundation is considering developing its own "Village at Northwest."

If this plan becomes reality, the "Village" will be built on the 66 acres is on the west side of Icon Road across from campus, owned by the Northwest Foundation.

"We have an excellent piece of property that's being proposed, that's got a great location, it's a close proximity to the University," Chief of Staff and General Counsel Joe Cornelison said.

The plan presented to the Board of Regents by Cornelison calls for an urban-style village with offices, stores and restaurants mixed with

single family homes, town houses and loft-style condominiums. The goals of this idea include providing a commercial area near the University and bringing Northwest alumni who are ready to retire back to Maryville.

New urbanism is a mixture of residential and commercial activities, Cornelison said.

"The idea here, in a planned way to have a mixture of commercial and residential so that people who live in the residential areas can essentially walk to things like a restaurant, or a bookstore, or a doctor's office, or whatever the commercial mix turns out to be," Cornelison said.

The idea came from a *New York Times* article published a year ago about the concept of villages and mentioned colleges who have them, Cornelison said.

Hendrix College in Conway, Ark. is in the process of building its own village. The town has almost the same demographics,

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FACULTY ART OPENING



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NORTHWEST ART Faculty lecture and reception Monday night allowed the public to view faculty art work. Art Department Assistant Professor Nancy Bernardo stands next to one of her pieces entitled, "Sound[ly] Belly." The Faculty Art Exhibit is on display 1 to 5 p.m. until Friday.

CAMPUS BRIEFS

Photographer next up in artists series

Photographer Nick Verdross will be displayed as part of Northwest's Visiting Artists Series beginning this Monday and ending Friday, Feb. 9 in the Olive Deluce Fine Arts Building.

Phi Mu Alpha hosts concert Wednesday

Phi Mu Alpha will present Man of Music Concert at 3 p.m. Wednesday in the Charles Johnson Theater. Admission is free and open to the public.

Steppers hold send-off performance

The Bearcat Steppers will hold a national send-off performance at 6:45 p.m. Thursday in Bearcat Arena. They will perform their national dance routine before they leave to compete in Las Vegas.

Ice cream company co-founder to speak

By Lindsay Jacobs
University News Editor

He is known for his ice cream, but after Tuesday night many at Northwest will know about his business.

Ben and Jerry's Ice Cream, Inc. Co-founder Jerry Greenfield will give a lecture at 7:30 p.m., Monday in the Charles Johnson Theater as part of the Student Activities Council (SAC) Spring Lecture Series.

Greenfield will speak about entrepreneurship in America with his own stories and business philosophy.

The goal of the series is to bring new and exciting lectures to campus, SAC Lecture Chair Wesley Miller said.

"In the past with the lectures, we've really not brought someone with entrepreneur or business experience so we wanted to kind of tackle both student interest, but also where students would be interested in business," Wesley Miller said.

The topic of Greenfield's lecture is covered in many campus classes and some students will get extra credit for attending the lecture, SAC President Kelli Farris said.

There will be free ice cream samples after the presentation.

CAMPUS SAFETY

Technology improves with recent grant

By Micheal Clements
Chief Reporter

Northwest plans to receive high-tech equipment through grants.

The grant, worth more than \$8,800, will be used to purchase thermal imaging equipment that may be used for various things, including search and rescue and to analyze infrastructure.

The grant money comes from the Commercial Equipment Direct Assistance Program (CEDAP) through the Department of Homeland Security. The equipment will be used for both law enforcement and maintenance. The CEDAP grant, was written roughly a year ago by students.

The thermal imaging equipment will give the campus a proactive approach to infrastructure such as water pipes, Campus Safety Director Clarence Green said.

"We would use that equipment in a way to better our infrastructure, to prepare us for homeland security type events," Green said. "Without taking all the insulation off piping, without taking the pipe apart, we can look at it and measure its thickness. It gives us the ability to look at hot spots like it is weakening compounds so we can repair that."

If a University structure would collapse, the thermal imaging equipment would assist law officials to find people trapped, Green said.

"It will be helpful in search and seizure type things, say if we have a facility collapse or any night time activity where we're doing a rescue or searching type thing."

"We will be able to learn a lot more once we'll be able to sit our people down to get trained, to understand what we have and what the capabilities of the piece of equipment were going to get," Green said.

The campus is not interested in using the equipment for covert operations, Green said.

"I think it will help the University a ton, and just by the ability to proactively, preventively minimize our damages to piping and infrastructure," Green said.

Giving the right tools to campus departments is a priority, Residential Life Director Matt Baker said.

"Whether it's from crime, whether it's from petty theft, whether it's from even an energy saving perspective, I'm always in support of trying to use whatever resources we can to make a positive impact on campus," Baker said. "I have the utmost respect for our Campus Safety department."

PERSONALITY PROFILE

Multiculturalism tops director's list of priorities

By Shane Sherwood
Chief Reporter

She lists coming to the Midwest as one of the most daring things she has done.

Minority Affairs Director Ame Lambert moved to the United States from Nigeria 10 years ago. Now she wants to spread the word on multiculturalism.

"I've always lived in the cities and the urban environments," she said. "There are a lot of great things here, but I think daring to do this took some guts."

Lambert grew up in Nigeria, and said the United States and Nigeria are very different.

The polarization based on race doesn't exist in Nigeria," Lambert said.

Growing up with two older siblings, one younger brother and an adopted aunt, who she considers her younger sister, Lambert wanted to be a leader.

"I just wanted to tell people what to do," Lambert said. "I just knew I wanted to be in charge."

Graduating from Baylor University, Lambert earned her Bachelor's of Business Administration in human resources management. She

later earned her master's in labor relations and human resources at Michigan State University.

Lambert came to Northwest two years ago.

"When I got to talk to students at other places, I got a lot of knee jerk (back and forth) answers, but then I came here and I was just blown away."

Even while living in Nigeria, Lambert has always been interested in multiculturalism.

"Anytime Africa was depicted, we were always presented in multicultural ways," Lambert said. "I wanted to provide a realistic view of Africa. We have skyscrapers and cars, too."

One way Lambert became involved was through the African Student Association while attending Baylor University.

"The ASA really reinforced passion of representing underrepresented groups," she said. Lambert also realizes that not everything is known about cultural diversity.

"The most important aspect of cultural diversity is the fact that nobody has all the answers," Lambert said. "We need the advantages

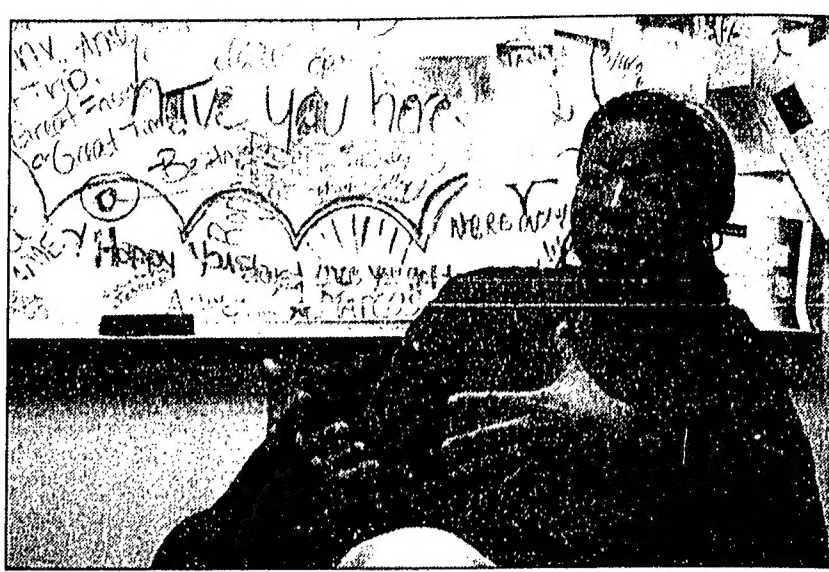


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MINORITY AFFAIRS DIRECTOR Ame Lambert discusses her experience dealing with cultural diversity at Northwest. Lambert is from Nigeria and the reason she became involved in multiculturalism was that she wanted to provide a realistic view of Africa.

Students who work closely with Lambert feel she is very considerate. Intercultural International Center office assistant Affiong Eyo said.

"I like the fact that she is very considerate and understanding the way the office works," Eyo said. "She also believes in you which is always encouraging."

Lambert feels most passionate about people discovering themselves.

"People who discover their authentic identity through truth is what I feel most passionate about," Lambert said. "It sometimes comes as a surprise."

INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS

New fund will ease students' financial worries

By Lisa Houtchens
Chief Reporter

The financial situation for students can become overwhelming if funds are not readily available.

For students studying abroad with family back home, situations may arise where their family comes across an financial emergency. The emergencies are much like the ones American students face.

When situations occur, lack of funding is a problem, whether it is for a long amount of time or a few weeks.

International Affairs Director Jeffrey Foot entertained the idea of creating an emergency fund for international students since he first took the position, he said.

"Right now we are just building up funds so we can grow," Foot said.

International students that face a change in financial difficulties often do not have the opportunity to apply

for federal aid from the United States. They rely on their government and family to fund their education, Foot said.

Keeping these problems in mind, a local Philanthropic Educational Organization (P.E.O.) chose to contribute to the emergency fund and presented a \$330 check to start the emergency fund. P.E.O. President, Margaret Pierson helped present the check.

"We hope that this gift will help the (international) students to feel welcome and be successful in their educational endeavors at Northwest," Pierson said.

With the P.E.O. donating money it will gain momentum for gathering additional funds to help establish a stable fund to help the students, Foot said.

"When individuals step up and say we want to help somebody that is very encouraging," Foot said.

International students finding themselves in a financial situation

can apply for a one-time injection. The money they will receive can be used for cost of living or tuition costs that need to be covered why they get things settled, Foot said. The reason most is a legitimate reason for each student that applies for the fund.

"It will only be a temporary fix," Foot said.

For the fund to actually support more than one student, if needed, it would need to reach the endowment level of \$10,000, Howard said.

"We would love to get to at least \$10,000 endowment level, and when you get to the \$10,000 endowment level we can award roughly \$450 per student," Howard said.

The most important reason for having this fund is to show support for the students that are studying at Northwest.

"This shows the institutions support and compassion for the international students," Foot said.

International students finding themselves in a financial situation

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COMMUNITY

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK

St. Gregory's celebrates school, religious faith

By Lisa Houtchens
Chief Reporter

Catholic Schools Week 2008 kicked off Jan. 27 and will continue until Feb. 1.

St. Gregory's Barbagio Catholic School is one of the many Catholic schools in the nation. They, like all other Catholic schools, are participating in this week-long celebration.

"Catholic Schools Week is a nation wide event that all Catholic schools across the nation set aside to celebrate and honor their Catholic schools," Principal Susan Martins said.

"So it's just a time to bring attention to Catholic schools and education and to take time to thank our parish, students and faculty for their support."

The week began Sunday with an all-school Mass. Students took on the roles of electors, servers, ushers and brought out the gifts for the Holy Communion, Martins said.

The students are very active in the events weeks and will also participate in various service projects.

The students served the community through service activities such as, volunteering in the nursing home and raising money for the Abrielle Neff Foundation.

"We helped with the all-school Mass to kick off the week," eighth grader Mary Beth Seipel said.

Monday's agenda brought Maryville Mayor Chad Jackson in to read the schools proclamation and to celebrate the supporters of the school.

"I read the proclamation to make it kind of city official," Mayor Chad Jackson said. "Declaring it Catholic Schools Week."

Tuesday's schedule celebrated with writing thank-you letters to

the different clergy members, holy orders and people who have chosen a life of, Martins said.

Wednesday, the student council honored the faculty and staff with the funding and serving of their lunch.

Today the students will be writing and making Valentines Day cards for men and women in the armed service.

St. Gregory's will be teaming up with the Maryville Community Center as to help create care packages for the troops.

"We are also piggybacking with that, because they have a large group that is going to be collecting," Martins said.

"So we will be collecting all this week and making cards and valentines to put in with those things."

Friday, the final celebration day is all about the students. Every class will have a fun day with

a different activity.

The preschool class will have a pajama day in their classroom where they will talk about animals that hibernate.

The kindergarten through second grade will watch a movie at the Hangar and popcorn.

Third and fourth graders will bowl at Bearcat Lanes.

Fifth through eighth graders will roller skate at B&J Skating Rink in St. Joseph.

"The best part for me is Friday, it's a tough day to be a principal," Martins said. "I have to go down to preschool and participate, then I have to go to the Hangar to watch a movie, then I go bowling and skating. It's really going to be a tough day for me."

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HUMANE SOCIETY

February to celebrate local cats

By Erin Loges
Missourian Reporter

In 10 years, one unspayed female cat and her offspring can produce 80 million cats, according to the American Humane Society. The New Nodaway Humane Society is working to increase awareness of this potential problem.

"National Spay Day is on Feb. 26," Shelter Manager Cindy Nelson said. "It's a time nationally for people to realize the importance of having their pets spayed and neutered."

Right now, the animal shelter houses over 80 cats. They will be holding promotions on cats during the month of February.

"We're trying to get the older cats to homes," Nelson said. "Litter season is coming up and we already have a couple of pregnant cats back there."

During February, cats that are older than one year will be sold for \$40, while kittens under a year old will be sold for \$60. The usual price is \$70. The cost of adoption covers shots and spaying or neutering.

"The cats are getting sick more with so many of them back there," shelter employee Jelyna Price said. "The board decided to offer money



Photo by Beth Ann / Staff Photographer

THE NEW NODAWAY HUMANE SOCIETY is promoting cats for National Spay Day Feb. 26. To promote the cats, the humane society will have special adoption prices for cats that vary in age throughout the month.

off to get numbers down."

The animals at the shelter come from different places. They accept strays and animals that people can't keep.

"People know that we are a no-kill shelter, so they feel better leaving animals here," Price said. "We only euthanize if it is medically necessary or if there are extreme aggression issues."

The shelter always needs volunteers and donations. Some supplies requested are bleach and cat litter. For more information or to help, contact the shelter at 562-3333.

MARYVILLE COURTS

Jury trial dates set for murder suspects

By Dominic Genetti
Community News Editor

Two men charged in the beating death of a Maryville man have to wait until September to find the fate of their futures.

Circuit Judge Roger Prokes has set a jury trial for Sept. 10, 11 and 12 for Erik Romig, 26 and Nicholas Rosencrans, 21.

Romig and Rosencrans, both of Maryville, are charged with second degree murder in the death of Donald Ray Gardner, Jr., whose body was found in an open Maryville lot Nov. 16 at the corner of Mattie and Jenkins Streets.

Given the scheduled time for the trial, Nodaway County Prosecuting Attorney David Baird believes three days is enough.

"Based on what I know at this point, in as many murder trials that I have tried, generally they run two to three days," Baird said.

Attorney Kenton Hall, who represents Romig, doesn't know if three days for a jury trial would work.

"I'm not sure about that because there are some motions that could still be filed that would have the

effect of (separating) the two defendants for separate trials," Hall said. "If they're both going to joint trial, that could be a longer trial than obviously if they went on separate trials."

Two motions already filed are those requesting a change of venue and judge.

A t o r n e y Michelle Carpenter, Rosencrans' public defender, filed the motions.

"I feel like it's my job to protect my client against a possible bias," Carpenter said. "It's my job to assure that he receives an absolute fair trial, it's just precautionary."

"Not that I don't think the citizens of Nodaway County couldn't provide him with that, it's just one step further to safeguard his rights."

Hall feels confident, no matter the setting.

"We're just trying to decide whether we want (the trial) in

Nodaway, or relocated to another county," Hall said. "There's a lot of factors that go into that decision, one of which is the jury pool that you would draw from and I think Nodaway County has a greater population and diversity, in terms of educational level and occupation

with the college there, than maybe some of the surrounding counties."

"We feel confident that we'll be able to pick a fair, reasonable jury, regardless of where we have a process that's designed to weed out those who could not be fair."

Since both are co-defendants in the case, Romig and Rosencrans are being held at separate prisons.

Romig is jailed at the Daviess-DeKalb Regional Jail in Pattonburg while Rosencrans is held at the Nodaway County Jail.

Carpenter describes Rosencrans as polite.

"My client has been completely cooperative and pleasant," Carpenter said.

CITY BRIEFS

Observation week for School Board ends

Missourians benefit every day from the dedicated energies and countless hours devoted by a group of more than 3,400 men and women in every community across the state. The people make up community school boards.

Communities across the state have honored the dedicated service of local boards of education this past week.

The goal is to build awareness and understanding of the important function an elected board of education plays in communities and schools.

Meeting planned for Habitat for Humanity

Even as the coffee shop conversations center on snowfall and winter weather, Habitat for Humanity of Nodaway County volunteers are preparing for the construction of the 2008 Nodaway County Habitat home.

A major step in this process will occur on Feb. 2 as families and individuals interested in becoming the 2008 Habitat homeowner meet for an informational meeting at 9 a.m. at the First United Methodist Church, 104 N. Main, Maryville.

ter said. "I don't see any other type of demeanor in this individual."

Rosencrans, as well as Romig, have pleaded not guilty.

Hall says Romig is expressing interest in the case.

"He's doing as well as could be expected of someone who says he's not guilty and as his attorney, I believe he's got merit to that position," Hall said.

"We've pleaded not guilty to the court and that's our position, so from his point of view, he's in jail for a crime he did not commit and his guilt or innocence will be determined in the courtroom by a jury."

Nodaway County is part of Missouri's 4th Judicial Circuit Court. Should the trial move to another location, other counties in the 4th Judicial Circuit Court are Atchison, Gentry, Holt and Worth.

However, the decision lies with Prokes and the trial could be moved anywhere.

"The judge will rule on those and at some point make the determination," Baird said.

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OUR VIEW

Some issues aren't relevant in this election

On Tuesday, Jan. 5, Missouri residents will select which Republican, Democrat and Libertarian delegate they believe can lead the country best for the next four years. The Northwest Missourian is not endorsing a candidate from each party for this primary election; rather, we would like to inspire you not just to vote, but to vote smart.

Thanks to the national media, this presidential primary has become a race of firsts on the Democrat side. Who will it be: The first black president, or the first woman president? If you're voting Democrat, although Hillary Clinton and Barack Obama are clear frontrunners, make sure you're not casting your vote for a first, but for who will be the best president.

Although there are no "firsts" on the Republican side, the principle is the same. Get to know what these candidate stand for and what their strengths and weaknesses are.

There are no perfect people, and there are no perfect candidates. You may not agree 100 percent with everything a candidate stands for, but understand that the presidency does not equal unlimited power. So many voters base their decisions on hot-button issues like abortion, where the president has little to no power to keep or overturn policies and cases like Roe v. Wade.

Web sites like Ontheissues.org or Glass-booth.org can help voters decide which candidate fits their needs the best.

Most Republicans still backing George W. Bush today will admit that the past 8 years fell short of expectations. Most Democrats or other non-Bush supporters would agree that is the understatement of the year. To put it lightly, the Bush administration did little for foreign affairs and our reputation overseas.

To add to our problems, the dollar's value is not what it was, we are immersed in what can only be described as a quagmire in Iraq and our overseas reputation is not prestigious.

If the country wants to mend these relationships, it must elect a leader—Republican, Democrat or other—that can put the country on the right track. Voters need to decide what candidate will do the best job leading a country out of this new millennium slump.

So on Tuesday, go to the polls and cast your vote, but please research before you go.

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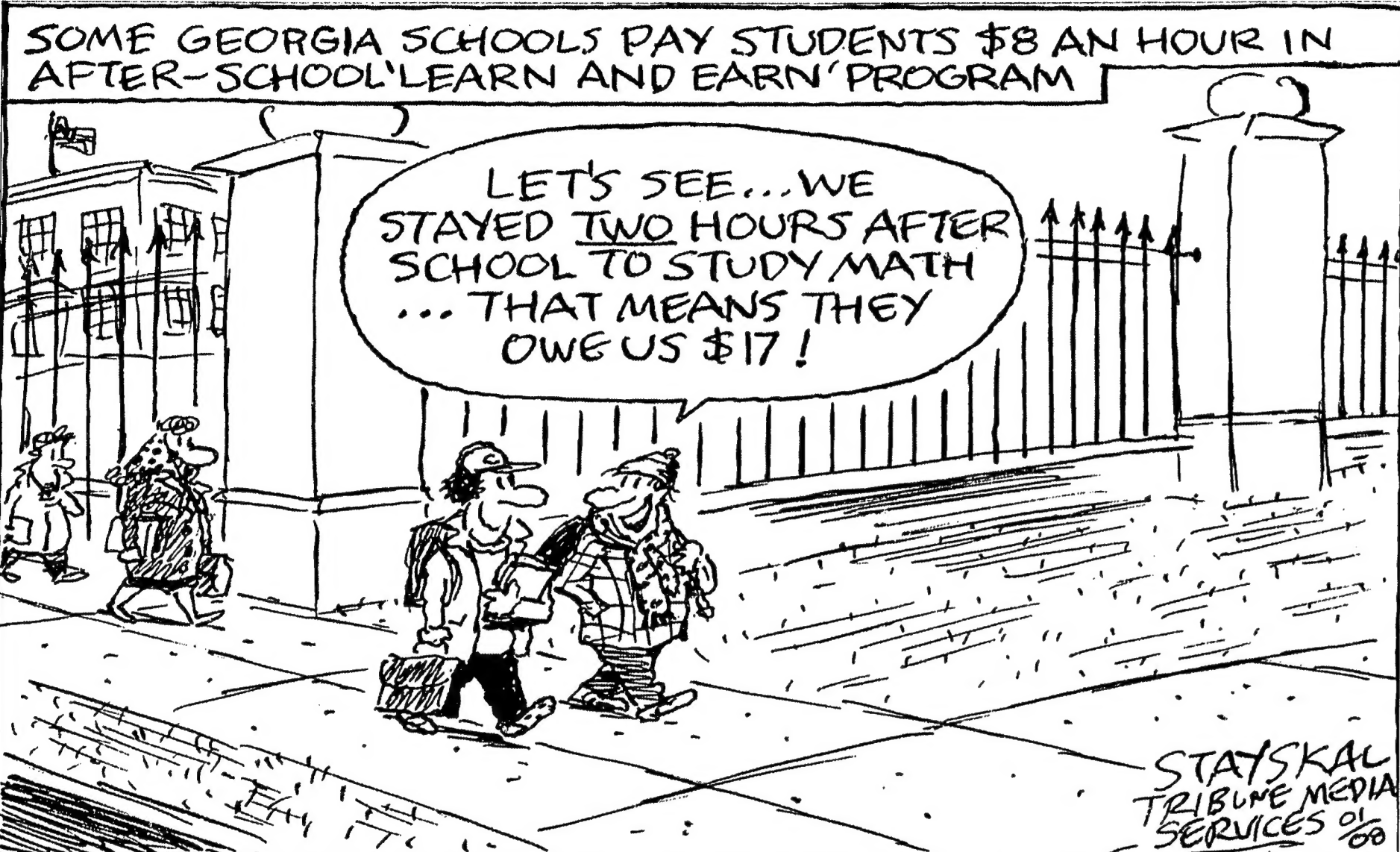
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MY VIEW

Enjoy last months of college bliss while you still can

The day you've been waiting for is quickly approaching.

No, we aren't talking about the end of the writers' strike in Hollywood, although that would be nice since new episodes of "The Office" haven't aired in months. We're talking about graduation, kids, that magical day when you receive a \$30,000 piece of paper that lets everyone around you know that you are a competent and worthy individual who deserves respect and a decent parking spot.

Your parents are delighted, and rightfully so, since they will soon be relieved of all financial responsibility for you, if they aren't already.



Sarah York and Jeff Kanger
Contributing Columnists

You, on the other hand, could be experiencing something quite different ... you know you're about to graduate when:

You are taking full advantage of your parents' health insurance plan. Be prepared to test the limits of these "30 day" contact lenses, and remember that there's no shame in faking illnesses just to squeeze out every last possible prescription from your family physician.

Stockpile those medications because it could be a while before you have your very own shiny health insurance card.

You don't want to think about the next presidential election because you know you'll be voting during your lunch hour.

While your friends at Northwest are casting their ballots in the Union after a leisurely two-hour lunch at "J-Dubs," you'll be impatiently chomping down an overpriced sandwich (paid for with cash, not Aladine) while waiting in line at your local polling place.

The thought of next year's tax season makes you break out in hives. You will, without a doubt, be that guy or girl showing up at H&R Block with bloodshot eyes and a stack of forms you don't understand. Fear not ... you got people.

You still can't wrap your mind around the fact that "Spring Break" only exists in college. You won't hear your colleagues at the water cooler saying things like "but it's all inclusive" or "I'll drop a class I can totally afford to go."

You are increasingly aware of the inappropriate pictures on your Facebook profile. You wouldn't put "Superior beer-bonging skills" on your resume, so you may want to remove the evidence of such activities from your profile.

You daydream incessantly about landing a job at Cerner. Hey, at least you'll already know everyone there ... you can probably use your Bearcat card at their vending machines.

MY VIEW

Stimulus package little more than a temporary solution

President Bush's last State of the Union Address Monday night highlighted a number of key issues. One of these issues was the economic stimulus package recently proposed, and collectively supported by Republicans and Democrats.

There is one thing that most people agree on: that the economy is headed toward a recession, although most people feel that it is already here. As Bush pointed out, wages are increasing, but the cost of living is increasing as well. Our economic growth is a little on the sluggish side.

This package aims to increase the number of jobs, leading to a decrease in unemployment, an increase in tax relief to average citizens and incentives for businesses. Not only that, but it is also aimed at homeowners across the nation struggling



Kathleen Wilmes
Contributing Columnist

with their home loans. One criticism of this package is the interests of businesses taking the priority.

First, and foremost, business interests are important for not only average citizens, but the nation as a whole. Who employs U.S. workers? Business owners. Where do the states acquire the money for basic welfare programs, education and road systems? The federal government, along with state taxes, of course. How does the federal government afford this? Through income tax.

For example, Average Joe is married with two kids, living in Maryville. He is currently unemployed. Not only does this strain his family, but it also strains the nation as well. Why? First, Average Joe's family most likely relies on basic welfare

programs the state provides. Second, Average Joe's family is not supporting these programs. Why not? Programs that people below the poverty line rely on are paid for by taxes, specifically income tax. If there is an increase in unemployment, there is a decrease in money the government receives. So why give businesses incentives? To lure more people. The end result is not only boosting the economy, but it balances itself out when more people are paying taxes.

How does this relate to tax rebates given to citizens? Simple, let's say Average Joe magically has a job again. He gets and extra \$300 back in taxes. What is he going to do with that money? Most likely, he will spend it. Where will he spend it? Since Average Joe still lives in Maryville, he will probably spend it in Maryville on groceries, basic utilities, gas and if he's really nice, maybe a new dress for his wife. Now local businesses are flooded with money people received from tax rebates.

OK, Average Joe is unemployed again, but he is looking for a job. These small businesses can now afford to hire him thanks to the extra business.

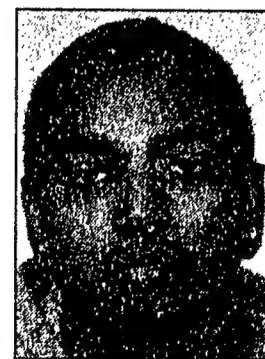
Keep in mind that this is a temporary fix, and only meant to be just that. This will help in the short-term, and maybe a little in the long-term. Now I know what you're thinking: "Congress, get off your rear and figure out something that will last."

However, it is basically political suicide to think past the term limit. No one wants to make sacrifices in this generation to benefit the next generation. Politicians know this. They also know they want to be re-elected. People will not re-elect a senator or a representative who forced the general population to sacrifice their traditional American way of life.

So believe me when I say that a short-term fix is not surprising. Our nation builds itself on short-term fixes. Politics, just like the economy is a cyclical entity — a pragmatic cycle.

CAMPUS TALK

Who will win the Superbowl and why?



"I'm gonna go with the Patriots, because so far nobody has been able to stop them. Even though the Giants have come the closest to beating them the week before playoffs, I still think the Patriots will pull it off."

Tory Berks
Deciding



"I think the Patriots should win, because they are undefeated and it would be cool if they were undefeated for an entire season."

Heather Maddox
Elementary Education



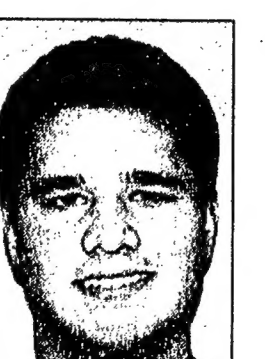
"The Packers are gone, so I don't really care who wins. I don't think I'm even going to watch it."

Justin Wieners
IDM—New Media



"I think the Giants are going to win. I just don't want the Patriots to win."

Nicole Schwery
Graphic Design



"I think the Patriots will take the victory. They are unstoppable."

Eric Carlin
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OPINION

POLITICS

Breakdown of each candidates response on Iraq

By Sean Comer
Political Reporter

Missouri residents not registered by Jan. 9 cannot vote in the primary. Residents registered after the cutoff may vote from the April 2008 election onward.

Northwest students may vote in their registered counties only. Example: students registered in Johnson County may vote in Johnson County. However, a student from Johnson County registered in Nodaway County may vote here.

Here's the breakdown on each candidate's opinion on Iraq, according to Jan. 26 Research 200 poll for the St. Louis Post-Dispatch. Information is taken from each candidate's respective Web site.

Visit Nwmissourianews.com for more in-depth coverage of each candidate's campaign promises.

IRAQ

Hillary Clinton (43 percent)
"Our message to the president is clear. It is time to begin ending this war — not next year, not next month — but today."

"We have heard for years now that as the Iraqis stand up, our troops will stand down. Every year, we hear about how next year they may start coming home. Now we are hearing a new version of that yet again from the president as he has more troops in Iraq than ever and the Iraqi government is more fractured and ineffective than ever."

"Well, the right strategy before the surge and post-surge escalation is the same: start bringing home America's troops now."

You daydream incessantly about landing a job at Cerner. Hey, at least you'll already know everyone there ... you can probably use your Bearcat card at their vending machines.

Enjoy the rest of this trimester because the real fun is just around the corner. Don't be too jealous of your friends who are still in school after you leave.

After all, you'll have a paycheck with the word "thousand" written on it while they're buying beers at Mug Night with quarters from under the couch cushion.

Barack Obama (24 percent)

"But conventional thinking in Washington lined up for war. The pundits judged the political winds to be blowing in the direction of the president. Despite - or perhaps because of how much experience they had in Washington, too many politicians feared looking weak and failed to ask hard questions. Too many took the president at his word instead of reading the intelligence for themselves. Congress gave the President the authority to go to war. Our only opportunity to stop the war was lost."

I made a different judgment. I thought our priority had to be finishing the fight in Afghanistan. I spoke out against what I called 'a rash war' in Iraq. I worried about, 'an occupation of undetermined length, with undetermined costs, and undetermined consequences.' The full accounting of those costs and consequences will only be known to history. But the picture is beginning to come into focus."

Mike Huckabee (27 percent)
"I am focused on winning. Withdrawal would have serious strategic consequences for us and horrific humanitarian consequences for the Iraqis. If we leave, Iraq's neighbors on all sides will face a refugee crisis and be drawn into the war: Iran to protect the Shiites; Saudi Arabia, Egypt, and Jordan to protect the Sunnis; and Turkey to protect its control over its own Kurdish population. Iraq is a crossroads where Arab meets Persian and Kurd, Sunni meets Shiite, so it is not a peaceful buffer, it can easily become a tinder box for the region. When we depose Saddam, we emphasized Iraq's

central location as a prime place to establish democracy and have it spread. That was the potential dramatic upside. Now we're faced with the potential dramatic downside that the terrorists are fighting to take advantage of: Iraq's central location as a prime place to create chaos and have it spread."

John McCain (25 percent)
"A greater military commitment now is necessary if we are to achieve long-term success in Iraq. John McCain agrees with retired Army General Jack Keane that there are simply not enough American forces in Iraq. More troops are necessary to clear and hold insurgent strongholds; to provide security for rebuilding local institutions and economies; to halt sectarian violence in Baghdad and disarm Sunni and Shia militias; to dismantle al-Qaida; to train the Iraqi Army; and to embed American personnel in Iraqi police units. Accomplishing each of these goals will require more troops and is a crucial prerequisite for needed economic and political development in the country. America's ultimate strategy is to give Iraqis the capabilities to govern and secure their own country."

Mitt Romney (18 percent)
"I agree with the president: Our strategy in Iraq must change. Our military mission, for the first time, must include securing the civilian population from violence and terror. It is impossible to defeat the insurgency without first providing security for the Iraqi people. Civilian security is the precondition for any political and economic reconstruction."

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POLITICS

Youth voting interest increasing in 2008

By Sean Comer
Political Reporter

Teens rocked out becoming virtual Guitar Heroes. A line of people, probably in elementary school when President Bush began his first term, danced the Soula Boy. A red-and-white banner sings the praises of teens and twentysomethings, "canceling out" the votes of the younger set's parents with their own.

This is probably not how your grandfather got political. The Iowa Caucuses didn't merely kick off the presidential primaries. "Rock The Vote" threw its push to mobilize 18 to 24-year-old voters into high-gear with a "Rock The Caucus" event at Valley West High School in West Des Moines, Iowa.

Young voters want to answer the call to pick up where baby-boomers approaching retirement will soon leave off. "Rock The Vote" executive director Heather Smith said. She no longer sees either Republicans or Democrats decisively winning this group that she says will make up one-third of the electorate.

In Iowa, 57 percent of 17 to 29-year-old Democrats supported eventual Caucus winner Barack Obama and 40 percent of Republicans in the same age group supported eventual Republican winner Mike Huckabee, according to a post-Iowa Caucuses "Rock The Vote" press release.

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She does admit that Democratic candidates have won over young people with socially progressive campaign platforms, and by making young voters feel sought after. Young people see the kind of world they stand to inherit, and they are not happy, Smith said.

"For many, many years, the conventional wisdom was that young people don't vote, and candidates ignored young people because of that," Smith said. "In '04, candidates started to see some attention paid but once they started turning out in greater numbers, that's when you start to see them paying more attention."

"Young people now are more energized, they're paying attention, they're talking about politics and they're quite angry. They're angry with the way that their country's going."

Sam Hucks, a member of Northwest's Political Science Club and College Republicans, might even say the Democrats can have the young voters. The standard Republican platform caters to the hearts and souls of a different set with a more fiscal fixation.

"The (Republican) Party platform and one of the biggest planks is taxes," Hucks said. "Young people,

especially college-age kids, aren't paying taxes because they don't make a lot of money. With taxes being such a prominent issue for Republicans, that's why they tend to appeal to people with more money."

That isn't to say the Northwest student body's beliefs don't have them coloring outside of the lines. Hucks said. Hucks sees the interest independent candidate Ron Paul generates among his peers and Hucks thinks he might play "spoiler" in a close race. He just doesn't find generating interest enough to always be a factor.

"Ron Paul's not a third-party candidate technically, but his plank would technically put him in that third party," Hucks said. "These people won't necessarily win elections but they'll stir up interest. But the problem is a lot of the people supporting him don't vote."

"The Democratic party might speak a little more to college students," Hucks said. "A lot of Republicans win or lose the race based on who gets out to vote, and so do the Democrats. That's all politics is: get out the vote."

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GUITAR: Teaching a big part of life

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have a guitar," Reeves said. It wasn't long after that parents of aspiring musicians took notice. "I started about 30 years ago. I'd have parents come up to me and say, 'Can you show my daughter something?' or 'You show my son something?'" So it kind of started on a really small basis," Reeves said. "It really kind of took off when I started working up at the music store here with Mike Smith back in '97. That's just kind of one of the services that most music stores offer is a teaching program."

Along the way, Reeves developed his own way of teaching music. "My teaching concept is probably a lot different than most other people's," Reeves said. "A lot of people just force their individual, the student, to go out and buy a textbook. Go through basic guitar, basic guitar, and that's pretty dry and I tried that and I lose a lot of people, because it gets boring really fast."

"I have a different approach. We take some basic chords concepts, but we do it in a rock 'n' roll fashion if they're rock 'n' roll-oriented. If they're country-oriented, I work some basic chords out that way as well. And after about four or five weeks, I say, 'Now, what is it you want to play? What kind of music do you want to play?'"

"And they kind of learn by on-the-job training so to speak that way. And I find that they learn faster because they're more interested in what they're doing."

One of Reeves' students, Mike Pitzberger, owner of Pitzberger's Auto Body, appreciates Reeves' approach as well as his broad range of knowledge.

"I just like the fact that I can bring a song into him and he can listen to it and he can figure it out real quick," Pitzberger said. "He's got a wide spread, it doesn't matter what genre. He's got a handle on it."

Teaching has been a big part of Reeves' life, but he also enjoys playing in his band, the Rhythm Kings. The band performs predominantly in Missouri and Iowa, playing a lot of country music. Still, the band also loves to play rock 'n' roll, Reeves said.

"We don't jump around on stage like they do," Reeves said. "We're more like the Allman Brothers, you know, then guys are pretty much super-glued to one spot. They're all a bunch of old guys, but they're more focused on their craft than their acrobatics."

In putting bands together over the years, Reeves has had some near-misses with fame. He once played with a drummer from the band Kansas and a drummer from another famous group.

"We had a little garage band and we never could keep drummers," Reeves said. "We weren't very good, we'd just dink around in the garage and every once in a while get a little job someplace, in a bar or something."

"So we go get this one guy at his house. This guy's name was Billy Leacock and his parents ran a drug store up there in Shenandoah. And one time we had, I can't remember if it was a jam session or we actually had a job. Again, no drummer. So we went to Billy's house and his mother says, 'Well Billy's not here, he's working on the road with some famous rock band now.'"

"And well, 'Who's that?'"

"Well, some band called America."

Today, Reeves still finds inspiration and his handicap has done little to stop the 56-year-old father of two from continuing to do what he loves.

"I have some students that are just fantastic, they inspire me to play," Reeves said.

Girls are just as capable as guys, Reeves said, and as long as "Doctor Dave" continues to teach, students will come to learn and to laugh at his jokes.

In the meantime, Reeves will continue to hone his craft.

"It becomes a matter of getting into a zone, so to speak," Reeves said. "You just kind of shut the brain off and let the brain be in your hands and that's the magic of it to me. Is when I can get into that zone. It doesn't always work, there's some nights it does."

"That's the magic of it to me."

VILLAGE: Plans to 'urbanize' campus

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but Conway's population is larger, Cornelson said.

According to the *New York Times* article, "Rural colleges seek new edge and urbanize," written by Alan Finder, by the time construction is finished at Hendrix College, officials hope to have 200 single-family homes, 400 townhouses, apartments and loft-style condominiums.

Late last spring, President Dean Hubbard, University Advancement Vice President Orrie Covert, Finance Support Services Vice President Ray

Courter and Cornelson traveled to Hendrix College to meet officials who are involved project, Cornelson said.

Early this last fall, Hubbard, Covert and Cornelson also traveled to Penn State to meet with officials who are working on a similar project, Cornelson said.

Penn State's village is operating, since most of the construction, completed in phases, has been completed, Hendrix College is in the construction process now, Cornelson said.

The Northwest Foundation is going to be the organization in charge

of this project, Cornelson said.

"The University has a lot to offer in terms of entertainment and cultural events at very low cost and convenience of access," Cornelson said. "It gives people also an opportunity to give back if they want by being... adjunct professors or guest lecturers in college courses. People like to be around young people."

"We've got a very loyal alumni base who we think would be interested in coming back and spending their retirement years in close proximity to the environment that was part of the best years of their life."

STORM CLEANUP

FEMA may help with community cleanup costs

By Michael Clements
Chief Reporter

Nodaway County and the city of Maryville both turn toward the Federal Emergency Management Agency for help.

The city of Maryville is applying for federal aid from FEMA for storm debris cleanup left over from the December ice storm.

Maryville is going through the paperwork process with FEMA currently, Public Works Director Greg Decker said.

"We are continuing discussing with FEMA the process so we can recover some of our cost for the cleanup," Decker said. "We are very optimistic that FEMA will help us stand the expense."

The largest expense will be for picking up debris around town. Limbs hanging over city sidewalks or streets will also need to be contracted out, Decker said.

"We are pretty optimistic that within the next 30 days, we will be able to advertise for bids and receive bids and hopefully have a contractor in here as early as March," Decker said.

There are several different processes to go through, FEMA representative Theresa Weldon said.

"We haven't gotten very far with it, because we got to get estimates done on how much debris out ... to see exactly what they are going to be looking to put a claim in for," Weldon said.

Nodaway County is appealing three locations damaged by flooding last spring. Two of the locations are bridges the county wants replaced while the third location the county wants to place a bridge instead of a tube, County Commissioner Bob Westfall said.

Providing FEMA funds these bridges, the county would be able to replace a bridge that was originally planned for replacement in 2009, Commissioner Joe Baumli said.

The county is still waiting on money from the original request put into FEMA, which is why the county budget looks worse than years past, Westfall said.

The county is waiting on near \$900,000 back from FEMA, Baumli said.

"Part of that we put out last year in tubes and money to repair things, and that's why our budget showed kind of a shortfall last year," Westfall said. "We thought that money would come back a little faster."

If accepted, FEMA will fund 75 percent of the total cost while the State Emergency Management Agency will fund 10 percent for both projects.

ENROLLMENT: Jobs will cut overloads

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Grading research papers, offering one-on-one interaction with their students and other responsibilities creates a heavy workload for faculty teaching just one or two English

course sections, let alone overloads, Hobbs said.

"For a temporary fix, it worked for us, but I don't want to do this semester after semester," Hobbs said. "I can't ask the faculty to do it over and over."

Northwest will continue hiring its

REEP-recommended faculty in Fall 2008, Yang said. While the initial positions were approved based on immediate need, a more refined allocation model, to be finalized later in the year, will determine specifically where the need is for future faculty, he said.

GUARD: Volunteers help out families

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help maintain an environment that is conducive to that agenda.

A press release from the Missouri National Guard says that the task force should be deployed until late March 2009.

An issue concerning the soldiers during their deployment is the how their families will cope while they are half way across the world.

The Maryville Chamber of Commerce will help to address that issue. The Chamber will compile a list of important contacts for the soldiers' families, help gather cards to send to them to the best of our ability."

With the first group leaving next Wednesday, the Chamber is hastily trying to organize a send-off for the troops.

If anyone would like to help with any aspect of the deployment, they should contact the Maryville Chamber of Commerce at 582-8643, Van Behren said.

So while Sportsman echoed that it would be tough on families, he also spoke of what the Guard is all about.

"It's our mission, our call to duty and we're going to go do it," Sportsman said. "Do it to the best of our ability."



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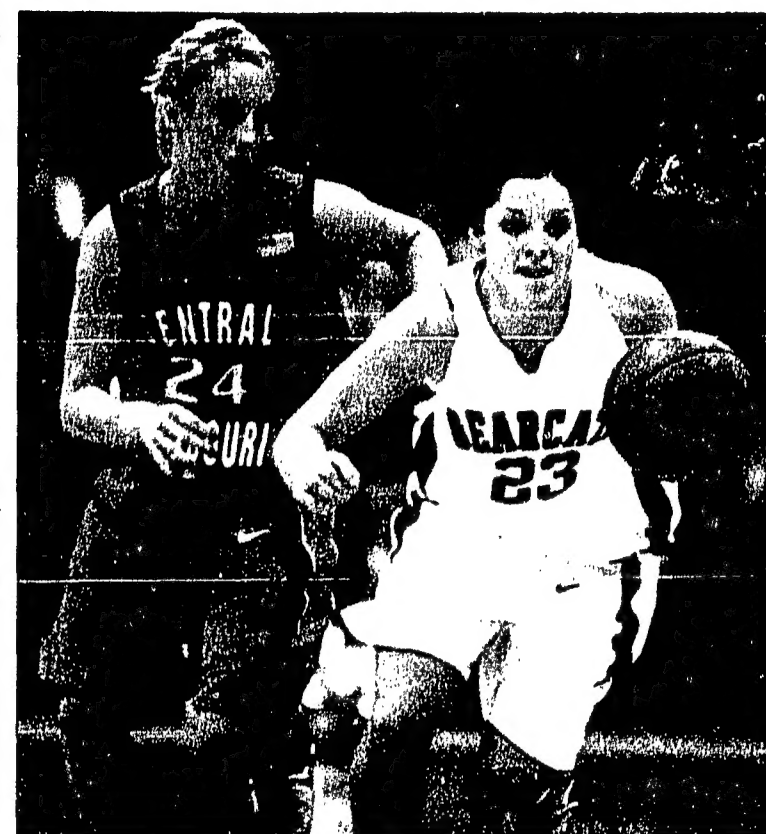
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NW WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Squad seeks strong MIAA finish

By Scott Levine
Sports Editor

To some of the Northwest women's players, it's a lack of killer instinct. To head coach Gene Steinmeyer, it's not that complicated.

"They just need blinders," Steinmeyer said about the team's inability to sustain large leads.

In the team's previous four games, Northwest, ranked 10th regionally, held at least an eight-point lead during the first half. Against Truman State and Missouri Southern, the 'Cats were unable to sustain the leads, resulting in their only conference losses.

Even in last Saturday's victory against Central Missouri,

Northwest entered the halftime break leading by 28 points. During the second half, though, Central Missouri cut the deficit to nine points remaining before Northwest eventually won 98-84.

"It's really up to the individual to work on," senior forward Lauren Williams said. "For most of us, it's our senior year, so we shouldn't have any reason why we can't go in and pull away from teams."

Despite those instances, Northwest has reason to be upbeat. With 10 conference games remaining (as of Jan. 29), the 'Cats share the MIAA's top spot with Washburn. Northwest owns the tiebreaker as it defeated the Ichabods 50-45 on

Jan. 12.

Up next for the MIAA's top team are two games that could provide more breathing room at the top, or jam more teams into conference title discussion.

Northwest travels to Southwest Baptist Saturday. The 'Cats downed Southwest Baptist 101-97 during their Jan. 2 meeting.

Williams, and don't expect the same offensive output from Southwest Baptist.

"We didn't play much defense last time," Williams said. "But you can mark my words, our defense will not let them score that many again."

Southwest Baptist guards Erika Souza and Courtney Creed netted

25 points apiece during the last meeting. Courtney Shewmaker, Rachel Graves and Kaitlin Cutbirth, also totaled double figures.

For Northwest, senior Mandi Schumacher registered a double-double with 23 points and 12 rebounds against Southwest Baptist, sinking six 3-pointers.

Wednesday, Northwest travels to Emporia State, to square off against the No. 24 team in the country. The 'Cats contest against Emporia State last Wednesday was not available at press time (check NWmissourianews.com for a complete recap).

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"His brother is a huge influence on his life. He gives him advice on running and just life. Ben takes everything he says to heart."

—Laura Chappell, Ben's wife

Hitting his stride

By Marcus Meade
Asst. Sports Editor

His Saturday nights have changed.

Much like the man, they're less wild and grown up. Instead of drinking late into the night, he's in bed early. Instead of looking toward the future, he's looking back.

"Saturday night now, I'm in bed by about nine o'clock watching 'Family Guy' or something like that as opposed to being out at two in the morning trying to get into a bar with a fake I.D.," Northwest runner Ben Chappell said. "I never thought I'd be in bed at eight o'clock on a Saturday night."

For Chappell, a spot on the Northwest track and cross country team represents stability in a life, and running career, that has taken him halfway across the country on an up-and-down trail for six years.

Originally from Eugene, Ore., Chappell hit rough terrain early when his mother abandoned him, his brother and father when, he was only eight-years-old.

"They were hippies, and my

dad realized it was time to grow up and take care of (his) kids, and I don't think she really wanted to do that yet," Chappell said. "They didn't really fight. They just went their ways, and she wasn't ready to give up that lifestyle."

While life at home wasn't the most stable, Chappell was led into the sport of long-distance running by the most influential person in his life, his brother Jed.

Jed would eventually enter the professional ranks of long-distance running as Ben entered West Valley College, a community college in Safatoga, Calif.

But he wasn't ready. Problems with the coaching staff and a lack of maturity led Ben to quit the team after one year.

"I had a good situation my first year, and I just blew it," Ben said. "You know, I was young, and I grew up in a family where none of them had that voice in my head telling me 'go to school. That's what it takes to be successful.'"

"After the first year, I didn't know what was going on. You get stuck in a rut, and I was working at a bookstore not doing anything."

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NORTHWEST TRACK and cross country runner Ben Chappell spent almost six years getting back into long-distance running. His family played a big part in his renewed interest in both school and running (above) Chappell runs during his first season with the Northwest cross country team. (left) Chappell spends time with his niece after the MIAA cross-country meet (top left) Chappell's oldest niece imitates her uncle before a race

NW MEN'S BASKETBALL

Team hitting stride as conference season heats up

By Brett Barger
University Sports Editor



THE NORTHWEST MEN'S team is currently riding a three-game winning streak. Northwest guard Lance Sullivan ranks second on the team in scoring, averaging 11.8 points per game.

After starting 2-3 in the MIAA, the Northwest men's basketball team has rattled off three-straight wins.

"I don't think our team responded well to the pressure of winning early in the conference season," coach Steve Tappmeyer said.

The team, ranked fourth regionally, has come a long way, and with a win Wednesday over Emporia State, Northwest puts itself in position for a first place tie with Southwest Baptist.

But in order to get into first place, the 'Cats must beat Baptist Saturday in Bolivar. Wins in the Meyer Sports Center haven't been easy. Since the 2004-2005 season, Northwest is 2-1, but the victory margin is 3.5 points.

One positive for Northwest is it played perhaps its worst game of the season, and lost to Baptist by one, Jan. 2 in Maryville.

In that game, Northwest was

pretty good."

Since that conference opener, Northwest let a couple of games slip away, and solved the mystery of winning in Pittsburg, Kan.

What may be more impressive is Northwest's execution last Saturday against Central Missouri. The Bearcats overcame a slow start to shoot 49 percent in the 77-62 win.

While Central Missouri is a young team, chalk full of inexperience, Mike Larsen said the team played its best game of the year.

"I think we played as a team for 40 minutes," Larsen said. "I think that was the first time we've really been able to put it together. It was a good ballgame for the whole team."

After Saturday's game, Northwest is on the road five of the final eight games.

"It's still early," Tappmeyer said. "The big thing is to focus on how we're playing."

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MHS GIRLS' BASKETBALL

Warriors ahead for stampeding squad

By Sam Robinson
Community Sports Editor

One day after getting pasted by MEC-leading Platte County, the Maryville girls' basketball team faced a near certain two-game losing streak.

But, if the Spoofhounds (11-3) hadn't officially served notice they were not conference pushovers anymore, they did so last Friday by edging Savannah (11-9) 56-53, in overtime.

The Savages, who had come within five points of the No. 4 Pirates and the No. 6 Benton Cardinals, saw the 'Hounds leave town with their season's biggest victory.

Senior forward Jordan Gadbois, who was in middle school the last time Maryville beat Savannah, said he was one of her career's biggest.

"It was definitely one of them," she said. "We were so happy. I was almost in tears, because that's just who I am. But I'd never beat Savannah in basketball and I think they were expected to win. We were all jumping for joy."

While Mercedes Scott led the way against the Pirates, scoring 19 points she was stifled for the most part against the Savages, scoring only eight. Junior post player Megan Walker led off the opening Scott created, leading the team with 13. Emily Kisker dropped in 11, while senior Leah Wilmes scored the majority of her nine in the fourth period and overtime.

"It's just one of the biggest wins, because these girls have never beaten Savannah since they were in eighth grade. That's important for them and

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Tappmeyer easing Peterson back into starting lineup

By Brett Barger
University Sports Editor

Andy Peterson's return to the Northwest lineup last Saturday against Central Missouri could create problems for coach Steve Tappmeyer.

Peterson, who's been out with a back injury, dressed last Saturday, but did not play. When Peterson returns to the floor, players that have contributed significant production could see their minutes cut drastically.

Take Mike Larsen. In four games, the sophomore guard is averaging 10.5 points and is shooting 55 percent from 3-point range since starting Jan. 16 against Missouri Southern.

Elijah Allen, who didn't attempt a shot against Central, had 12 points off the bench Jan. 23 against Truman State.

"It's a factor. In some ways, you think you can't have enough good players, but sometimes you can," Tappmeyer said.

In addition, the starting lineup of Hunter Henry, Matt Withers, Lance Sullivan, Mose Howard and Larsen has been consistent. Since Jan. 19 against Pittsburg State, the team's shooting percentages have greatly increased.

"We have got to have a good flow, we've got to zero in on who our top seven or eight are," Tappmeyer said. "Nine, 10, and 11 won't be getting very many minutes."

Tappmeyer said he plans to keep Peterson's minutes to a mini-

mum for the time being. That may prove to be beneficial for a team that will need Peterson's leadership and consistent shooting down the stretch.

"If we can get him back healthy and playing the way he was when he left, that would be a big plus for us," Tappmeyer said.

200-win club

Entering Wednesday's game against Emporia State, Tappmeyer was one win shy of 200 MIAA wins.

In his 19-plus seasons, Tappmeyer has an MIAA record of 199-127.

"All I know is, when you get that, it means you've been here a heck of a long time," Tappmeyer said.

Stat of the Week

Entering Wednesday, Northwest has held each MIAA opponent to an average of 16 points below their scoring average.

SBU remains No. 1, Northwest climbing

Southwest Baptist's barely hanging onto the No. 1 spot in this week's Northwest Missouri MIAA Power Rankings despite a 20-point loss to Truman State last Saturday.

1. Northwest (3)
2. Fort Hays State (7)
3. Missouri Southern (2)
4. Emporia State (5)
5. Pittsburg State (8)
6. Washburn (4)
7. Central Missouri (6)
8. Truman State (9)
9. Missouri Western (10)

() Last Week's Ranking

Steinmeyer confident about team's current injury status

By Scott Levine
Sports Editor

Northwest women's coach Gene Steinmeyer is optimistic about his team's injury situation.

During last Saturday's contest against Central Missouri, senior center Andrea Dill, sat out with a back injury, joining Alicia Bell and Melissa Nyquist as players currently injured.

Steinmeyer said Dill was expected to return Wednesday against Emporia State.

Dill said she's ready to get back on the court.

"I feel better than I have in the past week," Dill said. "I know I will probably be a little out of shape when I come back, but I'm really excited to play, so the adrenaline should make up for that."

Without Dill in the lineup, Steinmeyer uses Lauren Williams and Jessica Burton as defensive stalwarts down low, especially if starting center Mandi Schumacher is out of the game.

Despite smaller statures, Steinmeyer isn't worried about his interior defense.

"We played last year with five guards and we were successful doing it," Steinmeyer said. "Everybody thinks you need a

banger in there, but outside of weight, we're not undersized."

"Sometimes it's better to be quick than it is to have size. I'm not worried about that, because the great thing about this team is that we have lots of depth."

In addition to Dill's return, Steinmeyer said Nyquist should return within the week.

Stat of the week

14 — Northwest tied a school record for 3-pointers against Central Missouri last Saturday. The 'Cats shot 63 percent from beyond the arc in the first half, and shot 58 percent for the game.

Northwest tops power rankings

Northwest is once again on top of this week's power rankings. The 'Cats' took two losses resulted from last season lay-ups. If the 'Cats manage through this week, then Northwest should be in the driver's seat for the conference title.

1. Washburn (3)
2. Truman State (6)
3. Southwest Baptist (2)
4. Emporia State (4)
5. Missouri Southern (5)
6. Missouri Western (7)
7. Fort Hays State (9)
8. Pittsburg State (8)
9. Central Missouri (10)

() Last Week's Ranking

INDOOR TRACK

Runners see week off as time for intense training

By Marcus Meade
Asst. Sports Editor

It may be cliché to say the indoor track season is hitting its stride, but that is exactly what's happening. With three meets under their belts, and a weekend without competition, the Northwest men's and women's indoor track teams are gearing up for the conference meet in a month.

"Mainly, it's good that we have the week off right now," women's coach Scott Lorek said. "It's very good because it gives us a chance to let the intensity subside a little bit, and we can just focus on some training."

Last weekend, the women's team turned up the intensity for the Iowa State Open. Though team scores weren't kept, Lorek was encouraged when many of his athletes set personal records. Junior Audrey Bailey set personal records in the 200 and 400-meter dashes.

"I talked with coach before the race, and we kind of adjusted some of my mental things," Bailey said. "I went out and did what we talked about, and it worked out."

Junior distance runner Anna O'Brien added another highlight by finishing fourth in the one-mile, missing national qualifying by two-hundredths of a second.

A large part of his team's success, Lorek said, has been changing the mental approach of some of his athletes. Many of Lorek's ath-

letes come in as the best runners in their area and have to adjust to running with people in front of them.

One athlete, pole-vaulter junior Melanie Royeton, uses note cards with words of instruction on them to help her focus.

While the women worked on the mental aspect of competing, the men worked through soreness during the Iowa State Open, men's coach Richard Alsop said.

"(We) did have some soreness...so some of them said 'I feel stronger than ever, but sorer than ever,'" Alsop said.

Fighting soreness didn't affect their performance, however, as many athletes showed improvement, Alsop said.

Senior John Miles had another strong showing in the 60-meter dash finishing fourth with an improved time of 6.97 seconds. Junior Sheldon Cook finished seventh in the 200-meter dash while senior Kendall Wright finished fifth in the long jump.

"Maybe the highlight still is we're looking pretty good in the sprints in the jumps, the horizontal jumps," Alsop said.

The strength of the team may be the sprints and horizontal jumps now, but sophomore Ben Chappell hopes to make distance runners a factor during the MIAA meet.

"I think our distance team could be a little better with our depth," Chappell said.

Both teams will compete again next week in the Mule Relays, in Warrensburg, Mo.

FINISH: Hitting crucial stretch

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Emporia features four starters that average in double figures. All-American senior Michelle Stueve leads the Lady Hornets with 21.6 points per game. Steinmeyer said she could be considered the conference's best player.

"Emporia has great talent and they're very young," Steinmeyer said. "If that great talent plays like they have experience, they will be tough for anybody to beat."

"If they play like they're young and inconsistent, then anyone in the league can beat them."

The 'Cats are 1-6 against Emporia during the previous three seasons.

Northwest (11-6, 6-2) plays at 5:30 p.m., Saturday, at Southwest Baptist. Northwest returns to action at 5:30 p.m., Wednesday, at Emporia State.

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STRIDE: Chappell regains lost love

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just really drinking a lot. It was sort of depressing...especially when you know you have a lot of talent, and you're wasting it."

Ben needed something to bring him back from obscurity, and just as his brother had introduced him to the sport, Jed helped bring Ben back to running and back to Oregon.

A move to Portland was the upturn in Ben's rollercoaster ride. He began to train with Jed, who at times even wrote his workouts for him. He stopped partying and began eating right, attempting to cut out anything that wasn't conducive to running.

Ben's stint in Portland also marked his introduction to his wife Laura, an elementary school teacher.

In an attempt to change the scenery of familiar Oregon, the new couple moved to Phoenix, so Laura could get her master's degree. But the brothers who had done so much for each other wouldn't be separated as Jed moved with them.

"I think that's the reason they're so close," Laura said of Ben's mother leaving. "When they were growing up all they had were each other and their dad."

"His brother is a huge influence on his life. He gives him advice on running and just

life. Ben takes everything he says to heart."

After training in the heat of Arizona, Ben made his way to St. Joseph, where his wife found a teaching position at Hide Elementary School. He contacted Northwest track coach Richard Alsop to ask about getting back in school and running competitively again at the age of 24.

"He's a little older, and the kids respect him a lot," Alsop said. "He works as hard or harder than anyone."

Ben said his spending time away from school and away from the track has given him an appreciation that pushes him to work harder.

New-found wisdom and the support of his wife give Ben the focus he needs to succeed on the track and in the classroom where he majors in economics, he said.

In his last indoor track event, Ben was Northwest's top finisher in the 5,000-meter run, and he said, he's getting back to where he was when he left collegiate running almost six years ago.

Time off has hampered Ben in some ways as a runner, but he knows it's helped him in other ways.

"It's funny how much you grow in six years," Ben said. "... how different you become, a whole different person."

BEARCATS

MEN'S STATISTICS		
Northwest	Points/game	Opponent
73.5	59.4	
456	Field goal pct.	.421
35.5	Rebounds/game	31.9
13.9	Assists/game	13.5
34.9	Three point pct.	.309
13.3	Turnovers/game	19.4
10.2	Steals/game	6.8
7.04	Free throw pct.	.674
1.7	Blocks/game	2.8

CONFERENCE LEADERS		
Scoring per game	Steals per game	
1. D. Townsend-PSU 19.8	1. S. Bowlin-MSSU 2.59	
2. L. Johnson-MWSU 17.9	2. L. Sullivan-NW 2.18	
3. C. Abernethie-PSU 17.8	3. W. Book-ESU 2.14	
13. H. Henry-NW 13.1	4. M. Howard-NW 1.88	
16. L. Sullivan-NW 11.8		

Rebounds per game	Assists per game	
1. C. Abernethie-PSU 10.2	1. D. Townsend-ESU 5.65	
2. P. Fandja-TSU 8.4	2. M. Scott-WU 4.41	
3. M. Rogers-SBU 7.8	3. B. Burgette-SBU 4.29	
8. H. Henry-NW 7.1		

FG percentage	3-pt percentage	
1. V. Alaba-MSSU .611	1. D. Harris-SBU .526	
2. C. Abernethie-PSU .582	2. T. Steele-SBU .492	
3. M. Rogers-SBU .575	3. J. Grabowski-SBU .449	
6. H. Henry-NW .530		



MANDI SCHUMACHER leads the MIAA in field goal percentage, shooting 59 percent. Schumacher also leads the team with 14.7 points per game.

WOMEN'S STATISTICS		
Northwest	Points/game	Opponent
76.6	68	
419	Field goal pct.	.423
38.6	Rebounds/game	37.7
16.5	Assists/game	13.9
32.1	Three point pct.	.333
14.9	Turnovers/game	20.4
10.6	Steals/game	7.2
7.10	Free throw pct.	.739
3.1	Blocks/game	2.8

CONFERENCE LEADERS		
Scoring per game	Steals per game	
1. G. Mueller-TSU 21.9	1. C. Woods-MWSU 3.19	
2. M. Stueve-ESU 21.6	2. R. Graves-SBU 2.59	
3. E. Souza-SBU 20.1	3. T. Ford-MWSU 2.31	
8. M. Schumacher-NW 14.7	10. K. Nelson-NW 1.94	
19. K. Nelson-NW 10.9		

Rebounds per game	Assists per game	
1. J. Jones-UCM 10.6	1. C. Woods-MWSU 4.94	
2. G. Mueller-TSU 10.1	2. E. Souza-SBU 4.65	
3. M. Stueve-ESU 8.5	3. I. Wood-MSSU 4.06	
7. M. Schumacher-NW 7.2		

FG percentage	3-pt percentage	
1. M. Schumacher .591	1. M. Stueve-ESU .452	
2. Hala'Api-MSSU .587	2. C. Boston-ESU .452	
3. G. Mueller-TSU .556	3. A. I. eiker-ESU .451	
	8. K. Nelson-NW .373	

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SPOOFHOUNDS

MHS WRESTLING



MARYVILLE 130-POUND WRESTLER Zach Schieber struggles to get loose from Smithville wrestler Jeff Jones. The Spoofhounds finished second overall, and crowned three champions.

Early deficit dooms wrestlers

By Scott Levine
Sports Editor

The Maryville high school wrestling team dropped the opening five matches in Tuesday's dual against Savannah, and couldn't recover, falling 42-27.

The meet started at the 125-pound weight class, and the Spoofhounds endured a 27-0 deficit, resulting from two forfeits, two pins and a loss by decision.

"We came out kind of flat," coach Joe Drake said. "There were a couple of factors that played into that. We just weren't as sharp as we should have been."

Maryville was forced to compete without 145-pound Dakota Merrill. Merrill missed the meet because of sickness, causing a 12-point swing in the scoring. Drake said.

"If we have that 12-point swing, that might have ignited our team," Drake said. "Some times when teams get off to that great of a start, it snowballs, and you can't do anything to stop it."

Dannen Merrill recorded a 1-0 decision against Tanner Aeborsold. Jason Davis and Matt Davis each recorded pins.

Tanner Archer recorded a 9-5 victory, despite trailing by one with 20 seconds remaining.

"I wrestled a close match, but I didn't wrestle great," Archer said. "In the end, I just thought I had to get the win and do everything I could to get the win."

Despite having a victory already this season against his opponent, Derek DeMott suffered a decision loss. The score was tied 5-5 in the third period, before DeMott endured a reversal.

"I didn't have a very good first period," DeMott said. "I didn't wrestle smart, that's basically what it was. I should have wrestled better."

Earlier in the week, Maryville placed second at the Quad State Classic in Maryville with 154.5 points. Bedford/Lenox, Iowa finished first with 168 points. Dannen Merrill, Archer and DeMott, each placed first at the tournament.

Dakota Merrill, Matt Davis, Luke Lancaster and Jason Davis finished second. Jason Davis suffered a defeat to No. 1 ranked wrestler and returning state champion, Trenton's Zach Kinnison.

For more about the Quad State Classic, see the wrestling notebook.

The 'Hounds return to action at 5:30 p.m., tonight at St. Pius X. The team then moves on to a 9:30 a.m., Saturday tournament, in Albany.

MHS BOYS' BASKETBALL

Free throws decisive in conference battle

By Christopher Woodland
Missourian Reporter

A five-point, fourth-quarter deficit wasn't enough to derail two Maryville seniors Tuesday night.

Seniors Aaron Ducker and Ryan Sudhoff's fourth quarters propelled the game into overtime.

In overtime, Ducker finished off conference foe Platte County 54-51, with a 3-point play with 10.3 seconds remaining in overtime.

"We've had some close losses this season and this one is important," Maryville coach Mike Kuwitzky said. "We really needed a conference win and this one was big."

Senior Andy Walter's 3-pointer notched the first points in overtime, with 1:57 left. The Spoofhounds would not trail again.

Platte County tied it up with a Patrick Johnson steal that resulted in a Garrett Beeson layup with less than 30 seconds. After Ducker's game-winning basket, Platte County was unable to force the contest into a second overtime.

Maryville failed to take control of the game in regulation and trailed most of the game. A key 3-pointer by Ducker and missed free throws by the Pirates, who missed four in a row at one point in the fourth, kept the 'Hounds in position for the big finish.

"We didn't shoot free throws good enough tonight to win on the road in conference," Platte County head coach Rick Hodge said.

After junior Seth Staashelm tied the game on a free throw following a made shot, Pirate senior Kyle Knox made one of two from the line after the 'Hounds fouled him with nine seconds remaining.

As the 'Hounds moved the ball up-court after the free throws, the referee called a foul, but did not signal the culprit. After a conference with his fellow referees, they decided the call was a defensive foul against Platte County, which sent Ryan Sudhoff to



JUNIOR JOE JASINSKI lays in the ball against Benton, Friday. The Spoofhounds lost in the final minutes.

the line with 5.8 seconds remaining. He too hit one of two from the line and forced overtime.

"It was a really physical game and I think they did a good job keeping it controlled and we hit some big free throws down the stretch," Kuwitzky said.

Platte County started the game on an 8-0 run including six points by junior Jake Hawkins. The 'Hounds trailed 19-12 at the end of the first quarter.

The 'Hounds took their coach's advice. They answered with a 9-1 run to start the second in which they held Platte County without a field goal for the first 4:17.

The teams traded scores for most of the third quarter and went into the fourth with Platte County ahead 38-33.

Maryville travels to Smithville on Friday for another conference game.

"Smithville has one of the best players in the conference," Kuwitzky said. "They are big and physical and it's going to be a big test."



FRESHMAN GUARD MOLLY Stiens scored two points in the team's 73-56 loss to Platte County Jan. 24.

SQUAD: Defense looks to contain Lady Warriors' weapons

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it's important for the program to start beating some of those teams so we can gain that confidence and realize that our hard work is starting to pay off.

"They were ecstatic. There wasn't much I needed to say in my postgame speech. They worked hard for it and they deserved it. What we've got to do now is make sure we don't have any kind of letdown from that game."

Avoiding a letdown tonight, however, won't be easy. After playing three straight top-level teams, the 'Hounds don't get much of a break as they face fellow green-clad upstart, Smithville, who is 13-5.

The Lady Warriors have a potent one-two punch in junior guard Malory Craig and senior post player Vanessa Van Bleisem.

Craig is coming off a 22-point performance in Smithville's 66-33 rout

of St. Pius X last week. Van Bleisem stands six feet tall, which won't make Walker have flashbacks of Platte County's Morgan Johnson, but it will be another challenge.

Smithville's overall height concerns Hageman more than just its post player's.

"Across the board, they're taller than us at almost every position," he said. "They have a lot of tall guards and then we kind of even out as far as our post players, but they have a lot of girls that are pretty tall and pretty athletic."

Smithville is the MEC's fifth team with fewer than five losses and is coming off a 60-48 win in Chillicothe, Monday night. The Lady Warriors also came within two of defeating Class 4-champion Benton earlier this month.

A slow start doomed the 'Hounds against the Platte County Jan. 24 and nearly cost them against Savannah.

With the Lady Warriors utilizing a similar, full-court press attack, taking care of the ball early will be crucial for the 'Hounds, who averaged 23.2 turnovers per game through their first 11.

"Coming to our home floor, I think they're definitely beatable, but it's going to take a really good effort," Hageman said. "I don't think we can come out and struggle in the first half like we did against Savannah or otherwise, we might be in trouble."

Despite wins over North Platte and Savannah and playing even with Platte County for three quarters, the 'Hounds still feel they have plenty to prove, and do not want to misconstrued as a lucky team.

"I think the team is confident, but they're also hungry to prove that it's not just a fluke," Hageman said. "They still feel like they have something to prove and that's the way they're playing right now."

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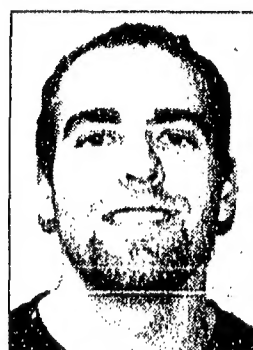
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Giants have to win to prevent a sports catastrophe

Sitting in class, our instructor asked a typical Super Bowl-week question: how many of you are Patriots' fans?



Sam Robinson
Community Sports Editor

Five hands immediately shot up. For a split second, I thought some of these people might've hailed from the greater Boston area or its surrounding states. But upon second glance, I realized I was dealing with the absolute worst kind of sports fans: bandwagon jumpers.

In a fit of inner rage, I contemplated calling a couple of them out and asking random Drew Bledsoe Era questions to see if they were for real, but I calmed down. I'm probably a bit too old to lay into someone about who his or her favorite team is.

But I thought about this and concluded that, in this case, it was necessary. Because, if the Patriots win Sunday, this could smash all marks associated with this lowlife form of sports fandom. The Patriots bandwagon will multiply and create possibly the most annoying army of followers the football world has ever seen. Let me backpedal a tad and explain why these people don't deserve to be acknowledged as sports fans.

Usually at a very young age, a true fan makes a commitment to a team. This

commitment can arise by living in the same city, your parents being that team's fans or some strong, unexplainable attachment.

There are other pure reasons, but that is just the beginning, and once you've made your choice, you're stuck with that team for life. This excludes a few extraneous circumstances, but barring something extremely rare, nothing

detours true fans of sticking by their teams.

This is why loyal fans belong to a special fraternity outsiders cannot be part of. People who aren't in this club of honor just do not understand the sacred bond fans have with their teams. They put in the man-hours, through heartbreaking losses to 4-12 seasons, in hopes of getting to experience what Giants fans are.

Bandwagon fans have an entirely different philosophy. Since they have no soul, they don't feel they need to be loyal unless the team is winning. Instead of sticking by one school or franchise and truly appreciating the successes and living through the failures, they latch onto

whichever team is the best at that time and pretend to root for them to feel better about themselves. It is truly sad.

Members of category "A" can spot these clowns a mile away. They were the ones who wore Dr. Martens in middle school when the rich crowd started to, or letter jackets, despite not playing sports in high school.

These same people probably tried to dig up their Packers' gear from 10 years ago, because of the Brett Favre revival. I've seen this nearly every year. The biggest bandwagon team of my lifetime was the Mid-'90s Dallas Cowboys, with my Broncos teams of the late '90s coming in a distant second.

It was a strange period. After being the only Denver draftee for seven years, one percent of 1998's championship joy was taken from me by these lowlives who immediately bought Bronco jerseys. It was beyond pathetic, seeing these losers posing as longtime fans. But, they soon disappeared when a few non-playoff seasons followed.

This is why the Giants have to win: to prevent these schmucks from backing the most classless team in the league. How can anyone who isn't from New England or a longtime fan root for this team? They have a pompous jerk at quarterback, a safety (Rodney Harrison) who, rightfully so, has been voted as the

game's dirtiest player by his peers and a phony, callous coach.

The same coach who lied about forcing ex-linebacker Ted Johnson to play in a preseason game after being concussed, leading to his brain damage.

This season, Belichick has continually broken his own record for most boring press conferences while imposing the same gag order on his team. How can these people root for a team that has no fun? I'm dying to hear what he'll say if they win. "It was a good team win, good season and we're looking forward to that first preseason game." I'm sure it will be something to that effect.

And did I mention they were caught cheating this season? Somehow this has been banished from discussion topics. Who's to say they aren't still cheating? If this has been vital to the success, they may have just beefed up their security.

Wait a second, this is the perfect team for bandwagon jumpers: a stiff, cheating bunch of phonies.

So, the perfect fix would be a G-Men victory. This would be more than just the crushing blow to all those who chose to align themselves with the mother of all bandwagon teams. It's important for real fans across the globe that the Giants stop this before it's too late.

WHAT TO WATCH?

Scott's TV Picks

Friday

■ Walker, Texas Ranger, 10 a.m. USA — Watch Chuck Norris "A poor man's Jack Bauer" fight crime with his judo chops and steel-toed boots.

Days rating (2 of 5)

Saturday

■ Kansas at Colorado, 2:30 p.m. ABC — What idiotic ABC network executive saw this game before the season and thought this was a blockbuster. This game is purely for the degenerate gamblers out there seeing if Kansas will cover. Therefore, I'm sure Sam's watching this one, too.

Days rating (2 of 5)

Sunday

■ Super Bowl XLII pregame, 11 a.m. FOX — Not much going on Sunday...just the biggest game of the sport's year.

Days rating (5 of 5)

Marc's TV Picks

Friday

■ Inside the NFL, 6 p.m. HBO — If you're not sick of all the Super Bowl coverage by then, tune in to see legends like Dan Marino and Chris Carter...all he does is catch touchdowns.

Days rating (2 of 5)

Saturday

■ Miami at Duke, 2:30 p.m. ABC — I like Duke, sure. Coach K is the man, and for some reason, I like Miami too. I think Duke will give Memphis and Kansas a run.

Days rating (4 of 5)

Sunday

■ North Carolina at Florida State, 1 p.m. FSX — Make it a day of sports with Tar Heel basketball in the morning and the Super Bowl in the afternoon. I have to give this day a five out of five...it's the Super Bowl.

Days rating (5 of 5)

Sam's TV Picks

Friday

■ NFL: Kansas City Chiefs, 5 p.m. ESPN — Rare indoor track meet on ESPN. I'm sure I'll be one of the only Americans watching.

Days rating (3 of 5)

Saturday

■ Syracuse at Villanova, 11 a.m. ESPN — Man, ESPN loves showing the "Cuse this year despite their record.

Days rating (3 of 5)

Sunday

■ Super Bowl XLII 5 p.m. FOX — 18-0 New England faces the team that gave it its biggest challenge this season. I state twice on this page that I pick the Giants, so hopefully for the two diehard Giants fans I know (my brother Jeff and fellow reporter Kenny) I'm right.

Days rating (5 of 5)

Brett's TV Picks

Friday

■ Super Bowl XXXV Highlights, ESPN2, 3 p.m. — Watch the Baltimore Ravens dominate the Giants in one of the most boring Super Bowls ever.

Days rating (2 of 5)

Saturday

■ UCLA at Arizona, ESPN6 p.m. — Watch UCLA and freshman phenom Kevin Love take on an Arizona team that has picked up a couple of big wins.

Days rating (3 of 5)

Sunday

■ Super Bowl XLII Halftime Show, FOX — Two words: Tom Petty.

Days rating (5 of 5)

POWER RANKINGS

MEC Boys

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| Team | Hung on to beat Maryville after blowing 17-point first-half lead Friday |
| 1. Benton | Monday's battle for St. Joe could be for the conference championship |
| 2. Lafayette | Jones' 23 points was not enough to top Kearney as the Warriors fell by one |
| 3. Smithville | Blew lead, fell in overtime in Maryville Tuesday night |
| 4. Platte County | Impressive showing in own territory, winning two after losing in first rd. |
| 5. Cameron | Moral victory, as they played dead even with Benton for three quarters |
| 6. Maryville | Early exit in Cameron Tournament not going to move up Hornets |
| 7. Chillicothe | Struggled in Nixa Tournament over the weekend, losing two of three |
| 8. Savannah | |
- Up next:**
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| 1. Benton: at Chillicothe | 5. Cameron: vs. Lafayette |
| 2. Lafayette: at Cameron | 6. Maryville: at Smithville |
| 3. Smithville: vs. Maryville | 7. Chillicothe: at Benton |
| 4. Platte County: at Savannah | 8. Savannah: vs. Platte County |

MEC Girls

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| Team | Only Benton will challenge the No. 4 Pirates for league title |
| 1. Platte County | Defending champ Cardinals moved up to sixth in Class 4 |
| 2. Benton | Notched biggest win in OT in Savannah Friday night |
| 3. Maryville | Lost third spot after home losses to Spoofhounds, Pirates last week |
| 4. Savannah | Will have chance to move up in rankings with Maryville win next |
| 5. Smithville | Victories over LeBlond and Excelsior Springs vault Dragons to six |
| 6. Cameron | Dropped down after losing by 14 to Benton's JV squad |
| 7. Chillicothe | Lost battle for St. Joe in big way against Benton, 50-25 |
| 8. Lafayette | |
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SPORTS STATE SUPERBOWL PICKS

- Final Score**
Scott's pick — NE 38 NY Giants 35
I know, I know. You're asking yourself...but Scott, this is the same score I had in my research. But what these other yahoos on staff don't know is that every Super Bowl New England plays in is close. And this one should be no exception, and since both teams know how to score, it will be the high scoring, just like the last one. Now, I'm not a math major, but close - high scoring - both defenses not able to make a big stop - the same score as the last game. If you're questioning my math, just watch the game.
- Marc's pick — NE 34 NY Giants 24
People are really picking Scott's game to be closer than this, but I think I proved by shipping Scott in the regular season that I know what I'm talking about. New England has too much time to prepare for the Giants.
- Sam's pick — NY Giants 31 NE 27
I'm the only one on this staff with any tactical fortitude. The Patriots are running on fumes and the Giants are playing in a zone I haven't seen from an NFL team in a while. The defense has been outstanding in the playoffs, stifling Romo and Favre in their houses. We'll see how hard Brady really is, as NY can get pressure with its front four.
- Brett's pick — NE 38, NY Giants 14
New England's due for a blowout Super Bowl win.
- MVP**
Scott's pick — Tom Brady
I had first pick of the litter on this one, and decided to go with the guy who can't be taken out of a limb, but I'm not in it to make outrageous statements. I'm in this to win and shove it in the sports staff's faces.
- Marc's pick — Wes Welker
Everyone's going to be focused on stopping Moss. They might actually do it, but they can't stop Moss and Welker. Nobody's talking about Welker after torching defenses during the entire season. And I'm sorry Randy Moss, but you aren't the quickest receiver on your team, it's good old Wes. No one in the Giants secondary can keep up with Welker's quickness.
- Sam's pick — Plaxico Burress
Talent-wise, Flex is as good as Randy Moss. Intelligence-wise, Flex is also Moss' equal. These two should be on an inverse of an you smarter than a fifth grader. It could be aimed at young children and titled: Are you smarter than a prima donna wide receiver. I predict success.
- Brett's pick — Asante Samuel
Asante Samuel has been playing under the radar. He'll have the biggest challenge when he matches up with Plaxico Burress. Burress may give his teammates headaches sometimes, but he's been a superstar performer in the playoffs. Eli Manning has been playing turnover-free in the playoffs, but I have a feeling that Asante is going to pick off a couple of passes in this game.

- First Player to Score a TD**
Scott's pick — Plaxico Burress
New England wins the toss. They decide to be easy on the Giants and convert a field goal. Eli Manning then drives down and converts, oh I don't know, a 23-yard touchdown pass to Plaxico Burress, solidifying that the game won't be a blowout.
- Marc's pick — Kevin Faulk
Nobody ever thinks about Faulk, but I have a feeling he's going to catch a ball out of the backfield for the first TD. He's the most under-rated member of the Patriots. He can run draws, catch the ball out of the backfield and catch an exquisite pass (or so I hear). Just look at the AFC Championship game, and everyone should know that Faulk will bust out in a Patriots win.
- Sam's pick — Wes Welker
Final homage to my fantasy team (The Plummets) who captured my first fantasy sports title last December and this man was the main reason why. While I don't think Moss or Stallworth will have big games, Welker matches up well with the Giants. I'll score early on the out route at the 5-yard line.
- Brett's pick — Amani Toomer
The Patriots will be surprised on the Giants' first possession. On a short second down, Eli Manning will find Toomer on a long touchdown pass. Unfortunately, the Giants will not score until late in the third quarter when the game's already out of reach.
- First Tom Petty Song**
Scott's pick — "Runnin' Down a Dream"
Easy pick here. This one's going to get the crowd going and set up a remarkable performance that should be one of the best in my memory. Marc, Sam and Brett, will be running down more knowledge after I get all these correct.
- Marc's pick — "American Girl"
Take it easy baby. Make it last all night. I'm hoping Tom Petty makes halftime last at least a while, playing five or six songs like the man Paul McCartney. Petty may have trouble avoiding his songs with drug references, but he should put on one of the more memorable halftime shows. At least he cannot be worse than the Rolling Stones.
- Sam's pick — "Learning to Fly"
1991's smash hit will kick off the best \$B halftime show ever. I think this one gets it started, while "American Girl" closes the show. And though that would've been my second choice, and it's hard to believe Marc, who had fourth pick, snagged that one. "Well the good old days may not return. The rocks might melt. The sea may burn. I'm learning to fly."
- Brett's pick — "I Won't Back Down"
One of the best in Mr. Petty's collection. The song will set the tone for the rest of the halftime show. I'm pretty sure the Giants are going to have to listen closely to the lyrics to attempt to get back into the game. "I hey, baby. There's no easy way out."

THE EXTRA POINT

AT YOUR LEISURE

TOP PICKS

Top 5 picks of the week

By Sydney Moore
Entertainment Reporter

■ **Top movie at the box office this week** — Spoof movies never cease to amaze me. It's incredible that movies such as "Date Movie" and the "Scary Movie" movies bring in so much money, so it's not too surprising that "Meet The Spartans" brought in \$18.5 million in its opening weekend, giving it the No. 1 title. The comedy, starring Carmen Electra ("Date Movie") and Ken Davitian ("Borat"), makes fun of everything from "300" to "American Idol" and even my favorite girl, Britney Spears — her name seems to be enough to rake in the money.

■ **Stay out of the cold** — Instead of going out when the wind and temperatures are ridiculous on Friday night, stay in and watch everyone's favorite finale of a scary movie trilogy, "Scream 3." The flick is about Sidney Prescott, a California teen who was stalked in the first two movies as a result of her mother's murder. The story revolves around Sidney trying to figure out the killer really killed her mother, as the killer continues his spree around her hometown. The 2000 hit starring Courtney Cox-Arquette, Neve Campbell and Patrick Dempsey is on AMC, channel 17 at 7 p.m., the perfect time for a dinner and movie date where you are sure to stay warm.

■ **Give these girls a chance** — The Kung Fu Girls are a pair of sisters from New York who are on the rise in the music industry. Ava Koo, 18, and younger sister Mia are produced by Tom Higgenson from the Plain White T's, who also helped co-write a few of the girls' songs. The song "Thinking of You" has a catchy pop sound with the same girly lyrics that most girl bands seem to have when it comes to pouring their heart out about a guy they desire, yet don't have. Although it's a cliché, girly pop song, I've still found a small, but loving place in my heart for the girls. You may have heard the girls' song "Our Time Now" as the theme for the hit show "Glee" on ABC Family, which sadly isn't included on their debut album "Thinking of You," which was released by Shining Star Records this past fall.

■ **Get out and go** — Kansas City photographer Nick Vedros will have his work on display at the Northwest Visiting Artists Series exhibit for the week of Monday, Feb. 4 through Friday, Feb. 9 in the Olive Deluce Fine Arts Building gallery. The exhibit will begin at 7 p.m. in DeLuce 244. Vedros is a graduate of the University of Missouri-Columbia and opened his own studio in Kansas City in the 1970s.

■ **Hit the video aisle on Tuesday** — "Across the Universe," starring Jim Sturgess and Evan Rachel Wood is a musical about young adults dealing with everything from peace, love and drugs to protesting the war in the 1960s. The difference between this great flick and every other musical is the concept behind it. Every song featured in the movie is a remake of Beatles material, performed live from the actors themselves. One of my favorite things about this movie is that every character is named for a Beatles song or a reference from one of their hits. If you know your Beatles music well enough, you'll enjoy picking out each and every reference from the tunes.

STROLLER

Your Man gives survival tips



The Stroller

The floors are dirty, and the bathroom reek. Every weekend you're just as likely to see a fight as a puking drunk being bounced outside. It's the only place in Maryville that successfully mixes hip-hop flavor with a lot of white people who can't dance.

I am, of course, referring to everyone's favorite Thursday night hot spot...Molly's.

But for those of you who have yet to sample what the majestic Molly's has to offer, allow me to advise you on how to survive a night at the 'Dark and Dirty.'

Survival tip No. 1
Wear shoes. I know this sounds pretty elementary, but you'd be surprised at how many people, especially women, I've seen inside Molly's with not a strap of cloth on their feet. To those people I ask, are you crazy? Do you have some sort of desire to catch herpes, or a fetish for walking in a mixture of equal parts dirt, booze and vomit?

Survival tip No. 2
If you can't dance, don't dance. This applies to guys only. Yes, Molly's is a great chance to get

down with a member of the opposite sex, but if you're standing on the dance floor having a seizure to music, your dance partner may feel inclined to walk away. Nothing is as sad as watching a gangly farm-bred square dancer who thinks he has rhythm fall around to the extremely predictable beat of "Crank That (Soulja Boy)." Stop it before you hurt someone.

Survival tip No. 3
Girls, if you can't dance, it doesn't matter. Don't be shy. Find a guy and rock his world. All you need to know how to do is move. It doesn't have to be to any beat. Just shake what your mamma gave you against what your mamma gave him and you'll get the erect

response...I mean correct response.

Survival tip No. 4
Don't fight the townies. I know they look harmless, but you can never tell which one might be a meth-head. If you're trying to pick a fight, choose the gel-toting, card-carrying member of the metro's club over the guy who's been up for three days and just lost his job at the mill.

Survival tip No. 5
Don't be shy. I can't

stand the wallflowers. You go out to a bar to have a good time, to broaden your horizons. If a guy comes up and starts dancing with you, go with it. If a girl comes up and asks you to dance, go dance with her (unless you can't dance, see survival tip No. 2). Your goal should be to leave with someone you've never met with the intention of hooking up and never seeing them again. That's why places like Molly's exist.

So have fun, and most importantly...wear shoes you nasty mother.

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MOVIE REVIEW

Young stars shine in indie film

By Sydney Moore
Entertainment Reporter

It all began with a chair. One simple, old, brown recliner. And from that chair, came a baby.

It's not everyday that a movie about a high school outcast getting pregnant earns an Oscar nomination for Best Motion Picture of the Year, but "Juno" is the exception. New sensations, Michael Cera ("Glee") and Ellen Page ("X-Men: The Last Stand") have made quite a name for themselves in the independent comedy about 16-year-old Juno MacGuff, who gets pregnant by her good friend Paulie Bleeker, after the two experiment with sex for the first time out of pure curiosity in that old raggedy chair.

When Juno finds out that she is pregnant, she isn't shy to let everyone know that she doesn't want the baby. With the best intentions in mind for the unwanted child, Juno resorts to newspaper classifieds to find the perfect parents to take her place. Juno comes across an ad placed by Vanessa and Mark Loring (Jennifer Garner and Jason Bateman), a wealthy, hip couple from the other side of town.

After meeting the Loring's, Juno immediately falls in love with the couple. In order to get to know the parents and make sure they are suitable for her unborn

baby, Juno begins to hang out at the Loring's on a regular basis — behind Vanessa's back.

Mark and Juno soon find out that they share interests in a lot of things, from old horror films to non-mainstream music. After a few months of spending quality time together, Mark and Juno's relationship begins to cause problems between the Loring's.

Due to an awkward encounter with Mark, Juno stops visiting with Mark, Loring's on a regular basis and tries her best to get through the rest of her pregnancy without the support and advice she had previously been receiving from Mark and Vanessa. Relying strictly on herself, Bleeker and her parents, Juno makes it through the rest of the pregnancy.

Although Juno and Bleeker's relationship started out platonic, the two go on an emotional roller-coaster ride after the pregnancy is known. We see them blossom from an awkward friendship, to a small crush and eventually into the adorably nerdy couple with the old, brown recliner that

we wanted to see from the beginning.

In the end, everyone ends up where they should have been all along — with the one they loved all along.

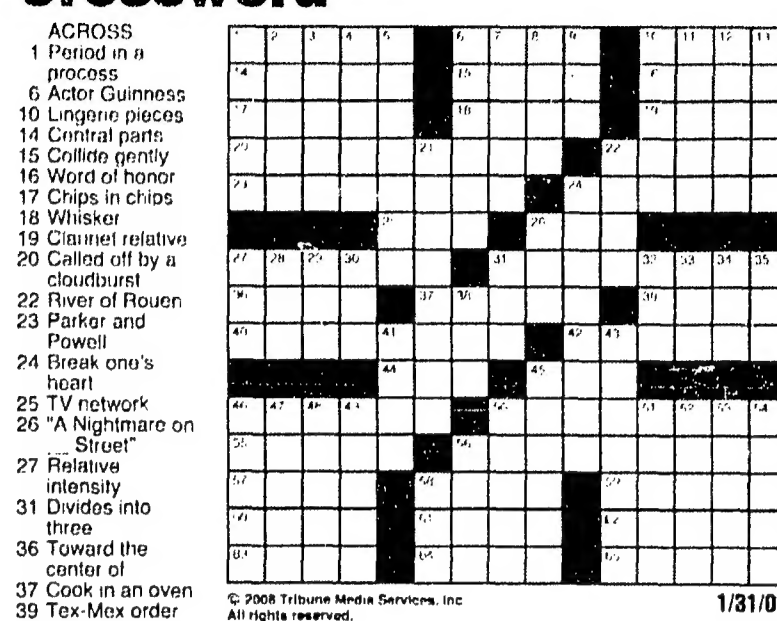
Leading lady Ellen Page proves that she is deserving of her Oscar nomination for Best Performance by an Actress in a Leading Role. The 20-year-old actress from Nova Scotia portrays the role of Juno perfectly, with her cynical comments and sarcastic attitude about her pregnancy.

Co-star Michael Cera is back with his second box-office hit of 2007. Cera, who made us all remember the nerdy kid we loved in high school in "Superbad" keeps the same innocent, nice guy character in "Juno," which is why we can't help but love him.

The two young actors did a great job in the flick, giving us all a little hope for the years to come in Hollywood. Maybe there is talent left in the business — that won't end up in rehab immediately following their success.

Sydney gives "Juno" 5 out of 5 popcorns

Crossword



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- ACROSS**
- Paradise in a process
 - Actor Guinness
 - Longue pieces
 - Central parts
 - Collins pretty
 - Word of honor
 - Chips in chips
 - Whisker
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 - Parker and Powell
 - Break one's heart
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 - A Nightmare on Street
 - Reactive intensely
 - Divides into three
 - Toward the center of
 - Cook in an oven
 - Tex-Mex order
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 - Break in the action
 - Longue pieces
 - London ball
 - Assign to a
 - Finalist
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 - Enticements
 - Baking dish
 - Enrichment
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 - 59 "Blow Blues"
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 - 14 Charlie
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| 11. Power | 11. Disapproval |
| 12. Parker | 12. Make |
| 13. Powell | 13. "Platoon" |
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WHO TO WATCH?

Maybe you don't watch football. Maybe you don't follow the teams. Maybe you just don't know. Whatever your reason for not knowing, now's the time to figure it out. (Or at least pretend you know what's going on.) Here's the low-down on the teams.

Giants

Coach: Tom Coughlin
Season record: 13-6

Keep your eyes open for:

No. 10 Eli Manning — Quarterback
No. 17 Plaxico Burres — Wide receiver
No. 27 Brandon Jacobs — Running back
No. 72 Osi Umenyiora — Defensive end

Patriots

Coach: Bill Belichick
Season record: 18-0

Keep your eyes open for:

No. 12 Tom Brady — Quarterback (2 time MVP)
No. 31 Randy Moss — Wide receiver
No. 83 Wes Welker — Wide receiver
No. 93 Richard Seymour — Defensive end

According to ESPN, the top 5 players in the Super Bowl are as follows:

1. Patriots — Tom Brady
2. Patriots — Randy Moss
3. Giants — Osi Umenyiora
4. Patriots — Richard Seymour
5. Giants — Michael Strahan

However, the Northwest Missourian sports team has their own opinion:

1. Patriots — Tom Brady
2. Patriots — Randy Moss
3. Giants — Plaxico Burres
4. Giants — Osi Umenyiora
5. Patriots — Asante Samuel

TUNE IN:

6 p.m. at the University of Phoenix Stadium
Halftime show: Tom Petty and the Heartbreakers
On FOX

SUPER BOWL XLII

Touchdown! The New York Giants will battle the New England Patriots this Sunday at the University of Phoenix stadium for one of the biggest games of the year: Super Bowl XLII. Fan or not, Super Bowl Sunday just isn't the same without the party and all it includes: the food, the bets and of course, the commercials. Here's an idea of what you need to know to not fumble when it comes to watching the big game.

ONCE A BEARCAT, ALWAYS A BEARCAT

This Super Bowl has a former Bearcat suiting up and hitting the field.

No. 71 Giants — David Tollefson

After two years at a junior college in California, and time spent recovering from an injury, Tollefson played for the Bearcats in 2004 and 2005, setting the season record for quarterback sacks his senior year. After his graduation in 2005, he was drafted by the Green Bay Packers in 2006. The next year, he was signed by the Giants where he still currently plays.

TOP 5 SUPER BOWL PARTY FOODS

The Super Bowl is the least favorite day for nutritionists, as people will be pulling out the guilty pleasures for the biggest day in sports. Make sure you have these crowd-pleasing favorites at your Super Bowl bash.

1. Buffalo Wings
2. Nachos (with salsa or cheese sauce)
3. Pizza (frozen or delivered)
4. Hot dogs or sausages
5. Potato chips and dip

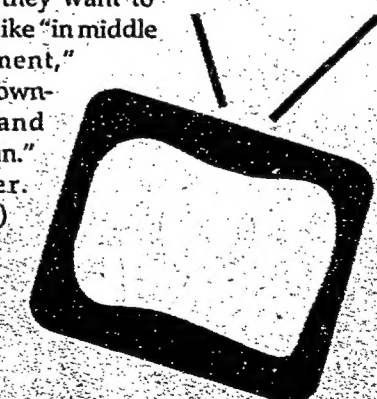


SUPER BOWL = SUPER COMMERCIALS

What is remembered about the Super Bowl the most usually? It's not the teams, the players, or even the game. It's the commercials. Many of these commercials have touched us, made us laugh and are ingrained in our memory. Here are the top five commercials from more than 40 years of Super Bowls.

Top 5 Super Bowl Commercials

1. "Mean" Joe Greene drinks a Coke and throws his jersey to a little kid (Coca Cola, 1979)
2. The Budweiser frogs (Budweiser, 1995)
3. Woman throws a sledgehammer at a Big Brother screen like "1984" (Apple Computers, 1984)
4. Michael Jordan and Larry Bird have a shooting contest for a Big Mac (McDonald's 1984)
5. Kids are shown saying when they grow up they want to be things like "in middle management," and "a brown-noser," and "a yes man." (Monster.com, 1999)



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